



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 01/15/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 01/15/2023

Time: 03:34 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-270 SB ramp to SR 161

Zone: 1

Precinct: 6

Incident Report #: 230035422

Cruiser District: 62

Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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**Incident Summary:** On 01/15/23 at approximately 3:34 a.m. Mr. Erickson Francois (33) of Newark, OH was operating a 2018 Honda Accord, traveling southbound on Interstate 270. Mr. Francois exited the interstate at the State Route 161 interchange and proceeded eastbound on the exit ramp toward the merge with State Route 161. At this same time a 2015 BMW X5 was traveling westbound, the wrong direction on eastbound State Route 161, and entered the ramp occupied by the oncoming Honda. The BMW then struck the Honda in a head-on collision. Mr. Francois suffered severe injury and was transported to the Mount Carmel East Hospital. Mr. Francois later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at 6:17 a.m. on the same date.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation which is ongoing.

This was the 8<sup>th</sup> traffic-related fatality having occurred within the City of Columbus in 2023.

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